WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 23, 1867.

We have to report the arrival of the schooner Caroline Foote from San Francisco with the mails and a small freight, consisting mostly of shingles and potatocs. Dates from San Francisco are to the 2d inst., and from New York to November The news from the East is still more startling, if possible, min that by the last arrival; the financial troubles seem to meet with no relief. By a concerted movement on the part of the merchants on the 13th of October all the banks in New York were forced to suspend specie payments, and the suspension of most of the banks throughout the United States immediately fol-lowed. Failures of hundreds of mercantile firms, large and are announced—including many of the staunchest mil-re firms in Boston and New York. Many railroad companies and city corporations proved derelict in the payment of in-terest on their bond, the United States government alone proving solvent and paying all demands in specie—a striking comment-ary on the benefits of the feature of democratic policy which treps the country firm on a specie receiving and specie paying basis. Those firms that weather this awful pinch will prove themselves passessed of wonderful resources and a solid foundation. We have not space enough to detail a tithe of the sad effects, present and prospective of this panic; its ramifications ex-tend over the globe, and disastrous consequences must ensure in England, France and Germany. The end is not yet, and we

ble feeling is manifested in Hopolulu and many con ficting opinions expressed as to the solvency of the large New Bedford firms engaged in the whaling business. The largest part of the whalers bills drawn here this season will have arrived home just as the crisis has reached its culminating point. Perhaps the confidence of the community would have been unimpaired he not the report of the suspension of a heavy and wealthy New London house reached us this mail. We have litthough payment on many may be delayed from bank sus ous; but of course no one can tell what may happen in the face of such an unprecedented financial storm.

Whaters' bills sent to San Francisco per the Fanny Major

were hand to be difficult of sale at any price—some sales were made at 73 per cent. discount, (or rather 74 per cent. off the face that being the way of reckoning discounts which obtains in S Francisco); the best sale we have heard of was at 5 per cent. We give but a few quotations this week as trade has been ex-

SUGAR-We note a sale of 50 kers Kolon, for export, on private terms. The Brewer plantation commences grinding next

relief is needed by a shipment to China or the coast. Prices are PLOUR-The Mill Company continue to receive purcels

wheat from Mani. Their stock of flour and wheat is quite in go. there being about 866 barrels on hand and some 6,000 to 8,000 bushels to grind. The demand is light. We quote at \$16; re tailing at \$12

portations per Caroline E. Foote amount 100 sacks which come to a hard market. Sales have been made EXCHANGE-We hear it rumored that some bills were

offered on the street, on Friday and Saturday, at 4 per cen discount, but cannot learn of any transactions at that figure In undoubted Whalemen's Exchange public confidence continues unalisted, and we know of transactions by this mail as par, which may be quoted as the rate.

SAN PRANCISCO MARKETS.

The San Francisco Market appears, from our latest advice at advanced rates-about 24 to 3 per cent. a month. We notice a continued advance in the quotations of Flour, given below, which must result in inducing shipments of this article from New York and Boston, where the price is lower than it has been

FLOUR AND MEAL-Jobbing sales of 500 qr sacks dom tic at \$13@\$14; fresh ground Corn Meal at 4;c.
GRAIN—Sales of 200 bags Wheat at \$3 90; 600 do at \$4;
1300 do Bariey at \$1 523@\$1 55; 309 do Oats at 2c.

OIL MARKET IN THE UNITED STATES.

OIL-Owing to the general derangement in business in New York and New Bedford, oils are generally inactive and stagnan Crude whale at 69c @ 73c per gallon ; do sperm, \$1 30 do do'; bleached winter whale, 83c @ 85c; unbleached do sperm, \$1 45. Whalebone is quoted at \$1.10 per lb. No movement of im-portance occurred in the New Bedford market during the week

LATEST DATES, received at this Office.

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PORT OF HONOLULU, H. I.

ARRIVALS.

[For full reports of Whaleships, see 4th page.] Dec 18—Schr Excel, Antonio, from Nawiliwili. 19—Am whaleship Lydia, Leonard, from Hilo, 19—Schr Moi Keiki, Hall, from Kahului.

21—Maria, Molteno, from Lahains 24—Maul Hikina, fm East Maui.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 17-Russian American Co.'s ship Casarawitch, Jorgan, fo

Shanghae.

19—Br brigt Elizabth Barter, Pentreath, for Valparaiso.
19—Sch Maria, Molteno, for Lahaina and ports on Maul.
19—Sch Kamoi, Chadwick, for Lahaina.
19—Sch Excel, Antonio, for Nawillwill.
21—Sch Alice, Spunyarn, for Koloa.
21—Fortune, Anderson, to cruise.
21—Am bark Bhering, Morse, for New Bedford.
22—Sch Mol Ketki, Hall, for Kahului.

21—Haw brig Advance, Milne, for Fanning's Island. 21—Am clipper sch Vaquero, Newell, for San Francis MEMORANDA.

Passesses you Hosolulu.—The following persons embarted at Boston, Oct 30, for Honolulu, per Etiza & Etta:—Rev P Roberts and wife, missionaries of the A. B. F. M., to Micronesia; Mr and Mrs D D Bahtwin, Mrs W H Johnson and daughter, Mrs Mary Hinchey, Miss Margaret Hinchey, of Ne Bedford; Mrs Lunt and child, captain's family. Tue " Davist, Woop,"-This ship, which had hauled

feet of Chariton's wharf, and brought down by the star iships, and leaking badly about the rudde ter a good deal of exertion, she was got off into dee at an early hour on Monday morning, without damage. VESSELS IN PORT.-DEC. 24.

PASSENGERS.

For San Phancisco-per Vaquero, Dec 24-Capt J Macapt Wilcox, J E Chapman, Mr Worth.

am, Dr McKibbin, H M Whitney and 2 cm, W F Jourdan, Mr Clifford, 20 deck par

MARRIED

e Church, on Sunday last, Dec. 20, by Rev.

DIED

aber last, at the Marine Hospital, Hilo, a, Duane Tomperst, discharged as boat-appraice, of New Belford, C. B. Kilmer, Mr. The deceased was a native of New

EXPORTS.

IMPORTS.

INTER-ISLAND TRADE.

hinges, 2 rous fine, 1 bot ciay, 1 bbt sand, 7 bars 18 bdls fron, 1 bbls cement, 300 pickets, 5 kegs paint, 1 cultivator, 1 stove, 500 bricks, 1 pkge specie, 30 empty containers, bedstead, table, chairs, 1 door, 1 roll leather, 3 cs mdse, 1 keg nails.

From HONGACLA—Per Luika, Dec 22—100 bbls Irish pota-

PLACES OF WORSHIP. SEAMEN'S BETHEL-Rev. S. C. Damon Chaptain-King at least feel for it.

perfect gift.

all mankind. Especially, let us bind firmer the

ties of kindred. And, crowning and chastening

Now in this season let thy spirit mild
Within our troubled spirits gleam,
As gleams the moonlight in the troubled stream,
And order so our hearts that we may sing
In the full city, and the lonely glen,
That Hymn of Hymns from Angels ministering—
"PEACE ON THE EARTH! GOOD WILL TO MEN!"

Thoughts About Words.

We often hear men of good sound sense-intel-

ligent men-complain of the affectation of "hard

words" by journalists, and we must confess that

good old vigorous Saxon is getting to be sadly

haps by newspaper writers than by others who

ent is said to be a practical age, and so it would

seem, in everything but writing and talking.

is astonishing how altogether artificial the adults

become, particularly in the matter of words.

Quite often we hear little men laboring under a

load of words bigger than themselves straining

to up end nouns and adverbs, huge " sesquipeda-

Now-a-days nobody is " woman" that doesn'

only "convalesce;" ladies make their toilette,

is dignified into taking a "slight repast." Such

a thing as a naked Cupid has not been known for

a number of years—it is only " nude ;" what our

simple old grandmothers called gowns are now

"dresses," and posies are all "boquets." Our

good old proper names too, handed down through

succeeding generations from the days of Egbert

and Ethelwolf, but now attacked by the ruthless

tooth of time, are fast losing their fair propor-

now the quite-another-sort-of-a-thing, "Mattie;

Harriette is "Hattie;" Caroline is "Carrie;

Plain, simple Saxon is fig-leaved, and house

hold words rigged out in foreign aprons, as if

"In Adam's fall, they sin-ned all."

Let a man put on a coat-price five dollars-

and no one would ever suspect him of doing so

grand a thing as making his toilette. We were

once greatly impressed with the refinement of

lady who fairly startled us with the inquiry if we

was the identical person who proposed building a

porto-rico in front and a pizarro in the rear of

It is a curious circumstance, to say the least.

that when a man is really angry or thoroughly in

earnest, he at once proceeds to use words without

prons, or as we have heard the expression

est kind of English. The oxen and dray horse

hear better Saxon-though possibly worse moral-

ity-than some audiences that wait on public

speakers, and many readers that wait on the pub-

lie press; good strong Saxon, as direct as one of

horses to poets, what can be more home-spur

When a man grows eloquent, it is the Saxor

so we find whole paragraphs from Chatham and

particles. With Churchill, we conclude:

"Where do the words of Greece and Rome excel, That England may not please the ear as well? What mighty magic's in the place or air, That all perfection needs must center there!"

Punch on Proclamations

Punch presents his compliments to the Commer

cial, and to the public generally, and is surprised to

find them so mystified by the late preclamation

Punch would remind them that the present Ministry

feel themselves strong. Instead of five Ministers.

there are now only two, which, of course, concentra-

tes in each one the wisdom of two Ministers and s

Upon due reflection, Punch is of opinion that on

of the Ministers, being out of health, proposes a day

all his mercies. In the evening there is to be a bal

at the Palace, which will close the exercises on this

To prove the correctness of his opinion, Punch has

referred to the Hae Hawari, another "Government

Proclamation with the words male sheep above and

CHRISTMAS EVE .-- How many pleasant memory

cling about the genial Christmas time, when life

was young, and hope's light wing soar'd ever in an

upper clime! when o'er the homely festive board,

the cheerful wood-fire ruddy shone, and red-cheeked

apples, autumn-stored, sat toasting on the brown

hearth-stone! King of the feast, oh, pumpkin pie!

thou acme of the house-wife's art! thou dids't not

key, stuffed for such occasions; while in the middle,

raisins. With hunt-the-slipper-blind-man's-buff,

long ago; green spots they are alas, the leaves lie

CAUGHY .- On Saturday, the last of the runaway

buried deep in Northern snew!

great day of humiliation and feasting.

most diverse are united in these Islands

lulu and intends keeping it both ways.

half for the salvation of the Islands.

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea,
The plowman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness and to me."

than the following familiar lines-

words with the bark off," and talks the plain-

the house, while the lawn was to be degraded.

have some "asparrowgrass;" giving us to

nd that she used no such plebeian term

parrergrass." We shouldn't wonder if she

Matilda is "Tillie," and so on, ad absurdam,

lians," eighteen inches to the foot.

for the public mind. The

FORT STREET CHURCH—Corner of Fort and Beretania sts ulpit temporarily occupied by Rev. Lorrin Andrews aching on Sundays at 1: A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sabbati ool meets at 10 A. M.

METHODIST CHURCH-Num street—Rev. Wm. S. Turner, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M. Seats free. Subbath

KING'S CHAPEL-King street, above the Palace-Rev. E. W.

CATHOLIC CHURCH-Fort street, near Bere BMITH'S CHURCH—Beretania street, near Nuuanu street— Rev. Lowell Smith Pastor. Services, in Hawaiian, every Sunday at 19 A. M. and 2i P. M.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

CHRISTMAS is coming-good old Christmas, ven erable from its sacred name and origin, the reviver of cheerful feeling and merry sports, when we should forget the ills of the past and drink in a fresh supply of the milk of human kindness To-morrow's dawn will usher in another "merry Christmas," which universal custom unites to make a happy day, wherever it is observed, it Europe, America, in Asia and Africa, and even in these distant isles of the ocean : when family re unions are re-unions indeed, when gleeful little children with merry faces crowd around their toys, and talk of old Santa Claus, their patron and friend. Some tell us this old Santa Claus is clamber up the sides of the house, and into the windows, with his coach full of toys and his eight tiny reindeer. Well, be it so; you can't make the youngsters believe it.

"There seems to be a sort of 'moonlight mys tery' about the origin and identity of this Christmas elf. Santa Claus. Some persons are satisfied with tracing him back no further than the early days of New Amsterdam. Others think they fine him in the person of a worthy bishop, called Nicholas, who lived in the days of Constantine He was noted for his deeds of charity and mercy and among other things, for having, (so the legend goes) raised to life two boys who had been murdered: hence, probably, he came to be re garded the particular friend of children. Some centuries after this he was adopted as the patron saint of the Dominicans. The Greek Church in Russia always hold him in great honor. He wa considered as the especial patron of scholars, vir gins and seamen. Possibly it was through some connection with this last class, that he acquired such influence in the nurseries of Holland."

It is a little amusing to observe what a trans formation this saint has undergone since his first appearance. Once a bishop in Asia Minor, grave and meek, now a fat and jolly little Dutchman capering about of a winter's night with a four-inhand, over house-tops, down chimney-flues, mak ing all sorts of surprises for all the good children of the land, and then whisking off out of sight before cock-crowing! Here is a daguerreotype of his appearance, taken by a skillful artist :

"His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples how merry; His cheeks were like roses-his nose like a cherry ; His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow. The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath. He had a broad face, and a little, round belly,

That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly; He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf; And I laughed, when I saw him, in spite of myself."

The many pleasant associations of Christmas ommend is to our favorable regard. Whether be the true anniversary of our Savior's birth or not, it may serve to remind us of that great and joyful event. It assures us of God's mercy. Pardon is offered to the guilty. "Peace of earth, good will to men !" Every other blessing comes in consequence of this: every other i heightened by connection with it.

The return of this holiday carries our thought away to that green isle of the ocean, merrie England, where the rich in their ancestral halls, and the poor in their cottages, have for long centu ries spent this day in social enjoyment. It re minds us of many happy seasons in our own childhood, when this festal day was the subject of long anticipation, when, on the joyful eve-

"The stockings all hung by the chimney with care In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there;" and the children, snugly nestled in their beds spent hours in sage conjecture about the gifts they might expect from their patron saint. What gleeful shouts rang through the house in th morning! No late sleeping to day. "Wish you a merry Christmas!" resounds in every chamber and passage. And now for the stockings and Santa Claus. Candies, toys, a raw potato or onion, by way of joke, new dolls, picture-books and a birchen rod! Father and mother must share in their surprise, and express amazement at the kindness and tact of Santa Claus; and even declare "she never saw such wonderful fine things in all her born days!"

It is very desirable that children should be mad happy in every reasonable way. It serves to at tach them to each other, to their parents and to their home. And to a person of mature years the remembrance of a happy childhood is an unfailing source of pleasure, a solace amid present cares, a stimulus to future effort. For this rea son, then, if for no other, because it is a happy long neglected lie—conquerer of common pie or tart! Flank'd by the mince, the goose appeared, and turtime for children, we rejoice in the observance of Christmas. Nor will it harm those who are no longer children, to be a little happy on such days high uprear'd the pudding, stuff'd with plums and as this. We are too grave and care-worn. We the youngsters romp'd the hours away; the joyous do not sing and laugh enough. We become old prematurely. We are too much engrossed in shout, the merry laugh, rung out above the boi ous play. Grandfather sits and smokes and sights, oursuit of the almighty dollar, to allow burselves all in the chimney corner snug; mem'ries of old berest or pleasure. Time is money, we say, an dew his eyes-his lips bedew the cider jug. Such should not be wasted in recreations; sleep mus were the merry Christmas eves that we rem be abridged, food be eaten hastily, family e ments be thrust aside, and man make himself a drudge, a slave, in order to acquire a little more money, or a little higher station; and then, oh!
then, he will be wondrous happy! Alas! the
phantom will fee before him forever. coolies was caught at Waianae. The Marshal has had a posse in pursuit of him ever since his escape.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

But what a pity it is that everybody cannot be happy on Christmas Day; that there are nooks WHALERS IN PORT.—The principal portion of the fleet having departed for the between-seasons cruise, and corners where wretchedness prevails, where no ray of hope forcemits way in, where there is one may to-day stand on a look-out in town and suffering and misery. While we enjoy ourselve ount the ships in port. The following are all the a while let us think a little of the poor and needy oreign whalers now in our harbor :- Conder, repairthe sick and the afflic ed. There are scenes of ng damage done to her bows in the ice in degradation, where squalid vice holds a pre-Isabella, has stepped a new foremast and is reeminent sway; where crime and recklessness rule all the actors. There are those upon the deep ing bow; Salamandre, recaulked and new waters whose hearts are yearning for their homes and friends; there are attenuated forms stretched bow; South Seaman, ready for sea; Charles Phelps, upon beds of sickness; there are others bowed refitting; India, awaiting arrival of the Merramac, when she will exchange captains and sail for home;
—the Merrimac taking her place in this ocean; down in misery. For all these let us reserve one little sympathetic corner of our hearts : let us Fanny, sails to-day. In three or four weeks all amidst our merriment, not forget that all are not of these vessels will have taken their departure, and happy; if we cannot alleviate suffering, we can the harbor and town will, if possible, be duller than at present for a month or two, or until the spring We plead, then, for the observance of Christ mas, and other holidays in our calendar. Or this occasion, let our hearts grow warm towards

KANAKA DIVERS .- The natives of these islands are good divers, though perhaps they cannot "dive as leep and come up as dry" as the celebrated pearl all our joy, let our thoughts rise in gratitude to divers of the Caroline and Chain Island groups. stone retaining wall of the new Esplanade is all laid Him from whom cometh down every good and by native divers, who are hired at the rate of \$2 50 per diem. They work very steadily, each man taking his turn of about two hours, and averaging a trip to the bottom once in ten minutes. The water is about fifteen feet deep, and they manage to lay about ten feet of wall per diem. But for the Hawaiians on board the Italy, last season, the greater portion of the bone of the wrecked ship Natchez would not have been recovered, as it could only be got at by diving.

ABSCONDED .- Some ten days ago, Capt. Anderson f the whaling bark Fortune, shipped a man named Clifford as first mate for the season, giving him s neglected in some quarters, though not more perlarge bonus, amounting we understand to \$500. On Monday, the 14th instant, the ship being ready for sea, Mr. Clifford, without communicating his intention to any one, went on board of the Kamoi bound for Lahaina. At the latter place it was said he went on board a schooner bound for Hawaii, where Babies, we know, are natural productions; but it he has a piece of land. Meantime Capt. Anderson shipped another officer in his place, and having reported Clifford as a deserter and defrauder, police officer Jorudan started on Saturday evening per Mmoi in his pursuit, and on Tuesday morning returned with his prisoner. It is hard to imagine what could induce a young man with first rate prospects of advancement in his profession to act thus foolishly work for a living; sick folks do not get well, they and culpably, knowing, as he must have done, that he could not so seclude himself anywhere upon the though they never comb their hair; none but slands but that he would be brought to account, and common people go to bed, or bid one good night; ounishment. On examination before Judge Gristhey invariably "retire," or give you "good evewold, Mr. Clifford was committed for trial at the ning." Whenever gentlemen eat cold beans, it Supreme Court, and has since been liberated on bail.

THE METHODIST PARSONAGE.—This building, (for the erection of which our readers will remember, the adies held a fair last month.) will be ready for occuoancy on the first of the new year. It is a pattern of eatness and convenience, and reflects credit upon the architect and builder, Mr. C. W. Vincent, though a lady, we hear, has been the ruling spirit throughout. The house is 31x42 feet on the ground, contains five rooms and a verandah in front and rear. tions. The fair-haired Martha of our boyhood is It is situated upon the same lot and within a few feet | Christmas' morning, decorated with every of the Methodist Chapel. While viewing this beautiful cottage, with all its appliances for comfort, so suddenly created as it were, one is forcibly reminded of the fact that, in an enterprise of this kind the ladies, after all, are the best business men. We learn that one of our capitalists is so well pleased with the new structure that he intends erecting two cottages on the same plan, on the lot opposite the Chapel.

TELEGRAPH SIGNAL CARDS .- We notice a beautiful pecimen of the Telegraph Signals for the port of Honolulu, printed in gold and blue on a card 12 by 18 inches, with colored signals. Aside from its utility as a ready reference, enclosed in a gilt frame it makes a handsome ornament for a counting room. Mr. T. McGeorge, of the Commercial printing office has the since is rapidly recovering. credit of getting up this really handsome piece of A New FIRM .- By reference to our advertising

olumns, it will be seen that Messrs, R. Coady, P. S. Vilcox and Fred. L. Hanks, have entered into a opartnership for the transaction of a general comission and ship agency business, under the style of R. Coady & Co. To those who know these gentlenen it will be unnecessary to say that their experience and thorough business qualifications are good guarantees of their success, and of the entire satisfacion of those who have business dealings with them.

RETURN OF PRESIDENT BECKWITH .- This pentlemen Sol's noonday beams. To rise at once from dray returned from his visit to the United States on Tuesday last in the Caroline E. Foote. We learn that in consequence of the financial pressure in the East, the project of an endowment for Oahu College has been postponed. In the meantime the American Board will sustain the institution. We understand that the institution will be re-opened immediately. element that lends wings to his soaring thought; Dr. Armstrong was to leave New York in the steamer of Nov. 20, and will probably arrive here in the Junius, and Webster and Everett are all English, Fanny Major, which vessel will be due about the and whole columns from Sophomores and newspaper writers are full of Latin roots and Greek

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.—The favorite packet Vaquero, Capt. Newell, sails this afternoon, at 3 P. M. The mail closes at 2 P. M. precisely, at the post-office. addition to a large list of passengers en route from Sydney, she takes several from this port. The Vaquero will return to Sydney, leaving San Francisco about Feb. 10, touching at Honolulu.

Horse Stealing .- The boldest kind of horse stealing is becoming quite common in Honolulu. We hear of two cases during the past week, in which horse, saddle and bridle, hitched for a few moments while the owner made a call, have been spirited away, and no trace as yet discovered of their wherebouts. The object no doubt is to secure the saddle and bridle, and then turn the horse adrift, and the trappings, taken to another island, stand very little chance of ever being identified by their owner.

of fasting, the other, fond of good living, proposes a day of feasting, and there being no one to give a FELL FROM ALOFT .- A young man named Bencasting vote, they have compromised the matter so as amin, an officer on board the bark Isabella, lying in to allow each one to have his own way. On that day the harbor refitting, fell from the mizen topgallant of fasting and feasting it is expected that every one yard last Friday and struck on the deck, breaking of His Majesty's loyal subjects will fast in the mornhis left leg in two places, and otherwise severely ing until breakfast is ready. After breakfast the bruising him. He was immediately removed to the operation is to be resumed and kept up with spirit Imerican Hospital, where, under the care of Dr. until 3 o'clock, P. M., when all are to sit down to a fuillou, we learn that he is in a fair way to recover, splendid family feast, thankful to Almighty God for hough of course, with a permanent lameness.

POTATOES.—Irish potatoes of good quality are very abundant in market, at \$1 per barrel. Large quantities will rot on the hands of the planters at East Maui, there being no sale for them. The consequ organ." where the case is beautifully illustrated in a will probably be, that many of the native farmers pictorial manner by a large ram on the left of the next season. The present price realized at Honolulu. old tiger below, showing how intimately things the farmer just 25 cents per barrel for his potatoes on the swallow of salt water.

STILL ANOTHER HAWAIIAN WHALER. - We learn that our fellow-townsman, Capt. B. F. Snow, has decided to fit the bark Gambia for the whaling busin The Gambia is a good staunch vessel, of the burthen of 249 tons, or a capacity of about 2200 barrels. will probably be ready for sea about March 1st. We learn that she is to be commanded by Capt. James Merritt, (recently first officer of the Parachute) whose reputation as a whaleman stands high among

RETURN OF THE ROYAL FAMILY .- On Sats last, their Majesties and suite, and the party of ladies and gentlemen who accompanied them, returned from a trip to Kahuku via Pearl River, in the Pele steamer. We learn that the excursion proved a pleasant one in all respects.

SALE OF OIL.—Ten casks of oil will be sold to-day at auction, on the Esplanade wharf at 12, M. It will be sold by the single cask.

SUPREME COURT.-The Supreme Court yesterday cided in the motion made by the salvers of the Natchez cargo for an appeal from the the court of Admiralty, granting an appeal, which we

erstand will be heard on Saturday next before

The Chief Justice also gave judgment in the filed by the chief mate and crew of the Natchez praying for a settlement of their lays or payment wages in lieu thereof at this port, and dismissed libel with costs; thereby deciding that the settlement of the voyage must take place at New Bedford, except in the case of Lockman, the 4th mate, who having shipped in the Ochotsk Sea, was decreed to have his

PURE MERINO SHEEP .- The Vaquero, Capt. Newell.

as brought from Australia per order of Me Louzada & Spencer, a fine lot of pure blood merinos, which can be seen at F. Spencer's store in Hotel street, previous to their being shipped to Hawaii. They consist of ten rams and three ewes, selected from the flocks of Jas. Aitkins, Esq., Victoria, and are descended from the celebrated breeds of Prince Lyibruinska, introduced into that colony by Mr. Aitkins. One of the rams and the three ewes,-yearlings-have been shorn of their fleeces; that of the ram weighed thirteen pounds, and those of the ewes nine pounds each, and the quality of the wool is fully equal if not better than the finest samples of American grown merino wool. We cannot but congratulate the country upon this accession of pure stock, and we hope the time is not far distant when a first rate article of Hawaiian wool will find a "name and a place" in foreign markets. All praise to those whose enterprise active in bringing about so desirable a result.

FOR JAPAN.-Dr. George M. Bates, recently of Lahaina, intends fixing his future residence at Hakodadi, Japan, for which place we learn he takes passage in the whale ship Daniel Wood, Cant. Morrison soon to sail. Dr. Bates is the eldest The Asher B. Bates, Esq., the well known government attorney of this place. To the masters of whale ships in this ocean, whose cruisings often bring them within a few weeks sail of Hakodadi, the fact of a regularly bred Physician and Surgeon having established himself at that place, will be a matter of no little interest learn that the Doctor is well recommended, have studied under some of the best medical instru the United States, and graduated at that well known institution, "the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the New York State University." Dr. Bates' great grandmother, was the first white woman who settled in the western part of New York State, while that now flourishing section was a "howling wilderness:" his father has "driven his stakes" in these isles of the mid ocean, and now this younger scion of a New England stock pushes still farther west and "settles down" in yet unproved Japan. Where is a Yankee's Intima Thule?

CHRISTMAS DAY .- Divine service will be perform at the Bethel, to-morrow, Christmas Day, at 11 o'clock, A. M. A sermon suited to the occa be preached by Rev. Mr. Damon. The public are invited to attend. This is a new feature in the celebration of Christmas at these islands, and a very praiseworthy imitation of the custom in other countries Many of our readers will no doubt remember the churches of Old and New England on a "merrie A GUANO EXPEDITION.—We learn that the schoone

Caroline E. Foote will be dispatched hence for a nano island off the coast of Mexico, the precise cation of which we have not ascertained. She endeavor to procure here from forty to sixty Hawaiians to act as laborers in shipping the guane. understand that a company has been formed in Francisco for the prosecution of this business, under the Presidency of Capt. Isham, formerly a commar in one of the Panama steamers.

We are gratified to learn that Mr. Oaks, first officer of ship John Marshal, who was severely injured by the accidental discharge of a gun a few weeks SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—We would remind our readers

hat on Monday next, 28th inst., the election of the School Committee of Honolulu, takes place at the Court House. Polls open from 10 A. M. till 2 P. M. Our acknowledgements are due to Capt. Worth of the Caroline E. Foote, for his attention in furnish-

ing us with papers, etc. Also to J. W. Sullivan for late American and English papers. . F Correspondents for the Commercial will please to remember that, in accordance with newspaper rules everywhere, their real names are required to

accompany their favors, in order to insure an inser-

tion in the paper. Correction. Mr. EDITOR :- In your issue of December 3, you make me give directions to bring to a blood heat by pouring boiling water on the seeds of the peach. have heard of " hot blood," but this goes a little beyond anything I ever conceived of in that line. The proper course is to pour boiling water over the seeds and immediately pour on cold water sufficient

to bring it to a blood heat, &c. The reason of the process is to be found in the fact that most, if not all, seeds of stone fruits require the stimulus of frost, or its equivalent, to bring them into a condition to germinate. The scalding process which is described above, is the most available equivalent we in warm climates possess. Yours, Dec. 15, 1857.

Cruise of the "Morning Star" to the Marquesas .- No. 1.

The Mission Premises at Omea Bay.

The Hawaiian Missionary Kaiwi, (a little man) gave a heart-felt welcome to his friends, then rapidly led the way over the rounded stones of the beach to the enclosure of the mission premises. We were hardly on land before we were in the house, yet still had time to see an elevation of stones well laid about the trunk of a tree on our left, on which a number of Omoan men and boys (the place was tabu to the women) were sitting with no other apparent employment than watching the new comers, fanning themselves and spitefully slapping at the flies which income their sun-tanned skins. The wife of Kaiwi met her friend at the bed-room door, greeted him it the manner of her native land, and then all were silent. To a stranger, the expression of silent suffering which characterised her counter was deeply touching, especially when we knew that the missionaries had been in absolute want. will become discouraged, and desist from planting for had themselves been forced to go to sea in the half of a canoe to fish, and on their return had eaten deducting the cost of transportation, leaves the their poor catchings with no other sauce than a

> home letters, answering questions and praising the Morning Star, sit down in this fatherly rocking chair, which Kauwealoha made. Rock,-it does not move smoothly, and for the first time we notice that there are pebbles under the mat; under the table directly behind our chair we see the bare floor composed of naked pebbles, and now we are astonished at the cluttered look this small apartment presents. There is a homely lounge, two or three tables, a cupboard, a book case, pots, poi dishes, one or two half barrels, chairs and boxes piled one on another. This is the joint property of Keksla, Kanwesloha and Kaiwi stored here to prevent its being stolen by the Omoans when Takela and Kauwealoha were taken amilies to immediately answer donian cry which came from non. Sixty or seventy miles in an open turn island of ed at a mile an hour, the a the reason why the del

broken pitcher, a few haps a spoon or two. in which they mentioned tain who had given them salt from the brine of his made the big swallow be

the thought of their suffer the past-indeed, it was for made public, but how else auld the stockholde in the Morning Star imagin the deep. pleasure, or partake of the rich delight that the comed our vessel to their homes. Ka Hokua cia no ka moku o kakou. The past was gone for ever. They would never see another "Here is our vessel, the Morning Sta longs to us. She will never let us

The mouth of the Omoan Valley, not mu-

more than a quarter of a mile wide, is not hid by trees to the ery water's edge, but there are a few rods of stony ground, then a few houses, and there is also quite a little pend where ships I cure water. The mission premises, three dwelling houses and an open building. eting house of the station looking toward setting sun, are situated a short gun shot from the breakers and only a stone's throw from the steep hill side which forms the southern slope or the valley. They are sheltered only by a few tall occount trees, but directly behind, the thicket of luxuriant vegetation begins, while on the northern side there is a sacred (tabu) enclosure, (perhaps I should say elevation, as it is a platform of stones some four feet high,) densely shaded: the trunk of one of the trees standing the dividing line is so large that three men touch ing the tips of the fingers of their out stretche arms could not encompass the half of it. The houses are all small, with the exception of that of Mr. Bicknell, (his before he took a new statio at Hivaoa,) and built with bamboo lathing is plastered with mortar. They are built of tive material after the pattern of the grass hou in Hawaii, only, if anything, more simple; two tall bread-fruit posts at either end of the house sustain the ridge pole, then four corner posts receive into deep grooves the cave poles, two other supporters are placed midway of the length of the building; to these posts are tied the rafters. The thatch has been previously prepared by stringing bread fruit leaves on bamboo sticks or by splitting cocoanut leaves and braiding the two halves together. These are tied on, and the house is com, pleted. In the house of Kaiwi there was a partition made of braided cocoanut leaves, closed by a door. It was entirely unsealed and could easily be entered by any active person; it contained much of the unused remaining property of the mission-a cobweb treasury. The plastered house

the Mission resided here, and while Kaiw general meeting it was again entered, and the only articles in the house, a cloth partition and a bed ticking, were stolen. And now having looked at the stone walls of the enclosure, having seen the church lot, its rank growing weeds, its young orange trees, its red and yellow pepper, and having looked at the mound which marks the resting place of the Hawaiian wife who chose to die and be buried on heathen soil rather than return to her kindred and friends.—we have seen all that is particularly interesting about the mission premises of Fatubiva.

Twenty-eight Days Later from New York. Arrival of the "Caroline E. Foote."

On Tuesday last at 12 M. the schooner Canaline E. Foote, Capt. Worth, arrived from San Fra after a passage of 19 days, bringing the U. S. mails of October 20, and November 5. The news is interesting but not particularly important.

The Fanny Major arrived over on the 27th ult. 18 days from Honolulu. She would probably wait for the mail of Nov. 20th, which will delay her day of sailing until the 14th or 15th.

William Patrice Dillon, formerly French Consul at these Islands, subsequently Consul at San Francisco, and more recently Charge d'Affaires to Hayti, died at Paris, Oct. 14, after a lingering illness, from a cancerous affection, contracted, it is said, in

Accounts from the East continue quite gloomy and

We notice the death, at New Bedford, Oct. Mr. Joseph Congdon, aged 58, who was, says the Mercury, an esteemed citizen, and had held the office of Cashier of the Mechanics Bank for a period of twenty-six years. Also, Oct. 30, of Deacon Benjamin Durfee, a benevolent citizen of New Bedford, who died very suddenly, from the rupture of a blood vessel The New Bedford Mercury says that out of twenty-

The New Bedford Mercury says that out of twentyeight whale ships in port at that place eighteen of
them will be hauled up in dock during the winter
and their refitting delayed until spring. This course
has been reluctantly adopted by their owners in consequence of the financial pressure, and the present
high rates of obtaining nearly every article of outfits. A great fire had occurred at Chicago, involving the loss of twenty lives and over \$600,000 of property. A tremendous rain storm was experienced State of New York on the 2d and 3d of Nov

destroying a great amount of property. At States, an immense quantity of gold—over se millions of dollars—had been received from Eur and California and a great change was anticipe

severely felt in Europe, while the working classes the United States suffer the most from the suspens From New Orleans we learn that Walker, with new filibuster expedition was soon to sail for America; he was however, closely watched by th U. S. steamer Fulton, anchored below the city.

In Kansas, Parrott, Free State, has 4,000 majorit.

Gov. R. J. Walker had obtained leave to Washington, in order to answer charges which it said will be preferred against him by both Free-State and Pro-Slavery parties

In New York city the democrate have a plurality the State ticket of ten to fifteen thousand over th publicans. The Americans are nowhere. The Tri-

Governor, has a plurality of 23,000 over Gardner, American. Both branches of the Legislature are reublican by large majorities.

In Ohio, a Republican Governor was elected, while the Legislature was Democratic. Iowa and Minnesota had both gone republi The Cabinet had decided to order the cor of four war steamers and five screw sloops.

Intelligence of the attitude of the Salt Lake p had been received in the East. Capt. Van Vlie Gen. Harney's staff, had reached Washington important information for the Department. He important information for the Department. He dispatched by Gen. Harney in August last to Lake, and leaving his escort at Ham's Fork, proed alone to the city. He was allowed to pass, shown every kindness on his road; he reached destination on the 8th of September.

ports the Mormons everywher heir plan was to resist the

with a steam apparatus in the stern to drive wheel, fitted with two oscillating engines. can be driven at the rate of twelve miles being two miles more than the usual spee whale. The steam generating cylinders, of Lyman's make, can resist a pressure of to the square inch. This boat is about two er, and one foot wider than ordinary whale N. B. Mercury Oct. 14.

The slave trade at Havana, con

the bone of contention being the transit lin San Juan del Norte, to San Juan del Sur, as

and to him.

In Chile everything was quiet In Great Britain, the potato violence equal to that of 1846. The papers continue to put

Mr. Gladstone mane the educational question. He looked upon pa-as the curse and plague of the country, and for the day when nearly every office will be An examination in the Bankruptey Court of Lordon has brought to light extraordinary exposures, i

In England the bank rate of discount has a 8th Oct. We may expect to hear of a things when the subsequent suspension become known in Europe.

Active preparations are being made in with the view of laying the Atlantic subman next summer, the month of June having been as most favorable for the work. Four hund ional miles of cable have been ord is entertained that the three hundred and for now submerged will be recovered. Cotton was a shade lower, and bread

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In France, the silk trade was very much dep some few suspensions are report Failures were expected in Paris.

The Bank of Belgium has advanced its rates of count to 54 per cent. The Bank of Denmark has increased its radi The London papers announce the death of Thomas Crawford, the distinguished American and

Thomas Crawford, the distinguished American sculp-tor. He died in that city on the 10th of October. At the Newmarket Races in England, the Cesare-witch stakes (\$10,000) were won in gallant style by the American mare Prioress, over thirty competitors. Very heavy bets had been made against her the day On the 18th, Mr. Ten Broeck won the Bedford

From India the news is more cheering, although Delhi still held out. Sucknow has not been taken by the insurgents. It is confidently predicted that Delhi would be taken during the ensuing fortnight.

THE ENGLISH AIMS IN CHINA.—The Hong Kong correspondent of the New York Times, has the following:—The terms the English intend to dictate to the Chinese are, that England is to have nine ports, instead of five, as now; that they are to have a Consulate and guard of soldiers at five of the ports, and at the others a Consulate, and that the Chinese are to give them grounds, to build ofort upon, at each of these four. These forts, I stopose, will be so planted as to command the whole city, and thus they will have the whole at their mercy. It is the same plan, to a letter, that they pursued in India, and this is the entering wedge to divide China. Perhaps the French will take another slice, while Russia, at the north, has some of the Territory now in her the north, has some of the Territory now possession. The English once held the large of Chusan, which they very foolishly gave up for Hong Kong. Since that time they have always been looking with longing eyes at that island, and at the beginning of the present trouble said they would take it, but it is now said that the Chinese, seeing what was about to take place, have for a consideration, ceded the said island of Chusan to the Russian

ceded the said island of Chusan to the Russian Government for a naval depot. If so, we will see if England will attempt to wrest it from Russia.

INDIA.—THE ATMOCITIES AT DELHI.—The cruelties committed by the wretches exceed all belief. They took 43 females, most of them girls of from 10 to 14—many delicately nurtured ladies—violated them, and kept them for the base purposes of the heads of the insurrection for the week. At the end of that time they made them strip themselves, and gave them up to the lowest of the people to abuse in broad daylight in the streets of Delhi. They then commenced the work of torturing them to death, cutting off their breasts, fingers, and noses, and leaving them to die. One lady was three days dying. They flayed the face of another lady, and made her walk naked through the street. Poor Mrs.——, the wife of an officer of the—Regiment, at Meerut, was soon expecting her the street. Poor Mrs.—, the wife of an officer of the Regiment, at Meerut, was soon expecting her confinement. They violated her, then ripped her up, and, taking from her the unborn child, cast it and her into the flames. No European man, woman or child has had the slightest mercy shown them. I do not believe the world over witnessed more hellish torments than have been inflicted on our poor fellow-

Delhi. I cannot tell you the cruelties these demons have been guilty of—cutting off the fingers and toes of little children, joint by joint, in sight of their parents, who were reserved for similar treats afterwards. I told you how gallantly our Ma Fusileers, poor J——'s regiment, has behaved; hundred of them under Col. Nelli, killed air hunand fifty mutineers. I new a letter from one of res. All the troops were in a state savet Benares. The whole of the Ben